



**R. Booth Goodwin II, United States Attorney
Southern District of West Virginia**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
April 26, 2011
<http://www.usdoj.gov/usao/wvs/>

CONTACT: Melvin Smith
800-659-8726*(304)345-2200
Melvin.Smith@usdoj.gov

HUNTINGTON WOMAN PLEADS GUILTY TO FEDERAL DRUG CHARGES

HUNTINGTON, W.Va. – Judith Ann Hopkins, 23, of Huntington, pleaded guilty yesterday in federal court before United States District Judge Robert C. Chambers, to distribution of cocaine base and oxycodone. Hopkins pleaded guilty to all five counts with which she was charged. All of the counts against the defendant stem from drug sales in July 2010 at the Smokin' Aces store that was located in Huntington. Hopkins admitted to selling oxycodone on four different occasions and one occasion that involved the sale of crack cocaine. Hopkins further admitted to selling a total of 89 80-milligram oxycodone tablets and 21.5 grams of crack cocaine to an undercover agent with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF).

Hopkins faces up to 20 years in prison and a \$1 million fine when she is sentenced on August 8, 2011.

Assistant United States Attorney Greg McVey is in charge of the prosecution.

This case is being prosecuted as part of a yearlong undercover operation that targeted illegal drugs and firearms crimes in the Huntington area. The operation was led by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) and assisted by the U.S. Attorney's Office, the Huntington Police Department, and various other law enforcement agencies. It was announced to the public in March after a grand jury returned indictments against 55 defendants.

###

HUNTINGTON MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO FEDERAL DRUG CHARGES

HUNTINGTON, W.Va. –James Michael Daniel, 33, of Huntington, pleaded guilty yesterday in federal court before United States District Judge Robert C. Chambers, to distribution of crack cocaine. On July 9, 2010, Daniel admitted to selling 5.2 grams of crack cocaine and 10 80-milligram oxycodone pills to an undercover agent with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) at the Smokin' Aces store that was located in Huntington. Daniel received \$440 in exchange for the crack cocaine and the oxycodone pills during the drug transaction that was arranged by an associate. Daniel further admitted to arriving at the Smokin' Aces store to complete a drug transaction that took place on July 7, 2010. Daniel admitted to handing 20 80-milligram oxycodone pills to his associate, who then handed the pills to the ATF undercover agent. The undercover agent paid the defendant's associate \$44 for arranging the transaction. The associate also received \$880 from the agent as payment for the pills, which was given to Daniel.

Daniel faces up to 20 years in prison and a \$1 million fine when he is sentenced on August 8, 2011.

Assistant United States Attorney Greg McVey is in charge of the prosecution.

This case is being prosecuted as part of a yearlong undercover operation that targeted illegal drugs and firearms crimes in the Huntington area. The operation was led by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) and assisted by the U.S. Attorney's Office, the Huntington Police Department, and various other law enforcement agencies. It was announced to the public in March after a grand jury returned indictments against 55 defendants.

#